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FIFTH GRADER HONORED AS CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE DAY

San Diego City Council Recognizes Two Local Students for Their Work in Juveniles and Justice Program

WHAT: Two fifth grade students from Rolando Park Elementary School are being recognized as honorary "San Diego City Attorney for the Day" and "San Diego Police Chief for the Day" today, February 1, 1999.

WHEN/WHERE: Monday, February 1, 1999, 11 a.m. -- "City Attorney for the Day" Alice Lei tours City Attorney's office, meets with City Attorney Casey Gwinn, and attends luncheon where Mr. Gwinn is addressing a military family advocacy conference.

Monday, February 1, 1999, 1:45 p.m. -- "City Attorney for the Day" Alice Lei is recognized, along with "San Diego Police Chief for the Day" Jeremy Watson, with a special resolution by the San Diego City Council at City Council Chambers, 202 C Street, 12th floor. San Diego City Attorney Casey Gwinn and San Diego Police Chief Jerry Sanders will be present.

WHY: These students took part in a crime prevention and educational program, Juveniles and Justice: A Community Safety Initiative, developed by the San Diego City Attorney's Office and the San Diego Police Department, in partnership with two community organizations, Mid City for Youth and San Diegans United for Safe Neighborhoods. The students spent eight weeks learning about the criminal justice system, studying the U.S. Constitution and the individual rights that relate to the criminal justice system, and discussing why we have laws and what happens when a law is broken. They also participated in a mock trial and an essay contest. The two students being recognized were selected for their exceptional work during the program and in writing their essays.